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Date: Thu, 12 Oct 89 21:39:56 EDT

From: Robert Carpenter <rc@cmr.ncsl.nist.gov>

Subject: Another letter from W4RI (> 50 lines)

You folks (might) be interested in the slightly different letter I just received from Paul Rinaldo (W4RI), editor of QST. BTW, I've know Paul slightly for quite a few years, ever since he was the leading organizational light in AMRAD * .

----- copied material follows -----

Oct 5, 1989

Dear Bob:

John Lindholm passed your letter about The New Frontier along to me for reply. QST is committed to covering the microwaves, but with a different emphasis. We are keenly aware of the need to encourage microwave activity and to get more amateurs active on the bands above 432 MHz. We think that the best way to do this is through comprehensive feature articles, rather than through a monthly column, that by virtue of its size, can present only bits of information. For example, we devoted 20 QST pages in May, June and July to easy-to-build microwave gear. We are committed to publishing such articles in the future.

As far as a regular presence in QST, news of microwave operations will continue to receive coverage in The WQorld Above 50 MHz. And, we're working on the presentation of the standings boxes in Bill's column to reduce the space they take. [RJC note: I had suggested keeping their content in a smaller font.]

ARRL is serving the needs of the microwave community much better, in many more ways, than we did in the early 1980s when The New Frontier column began. For example:

[The following entries are condensed.]

> ARRL has published over 1000 pages of Central StatesVHF and Microwave Update proceedings so far.

> Operating activities and awards.

> 1990 ARRL Handbook has some 70 pages of UHF and microwave eqpt and ants.

> "It's overdue, but we are progressing on a microwave book."

> QEX carries UHF and microwave info.
[End of condensation]

ARRL is not deemphasizing microwave activity; rather we're shifting the way our support is delivered.

Sincerely,
Paul Rinaldo, W4RI
Editor, QST

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SO, there we have a "commitment" to microwaves from the Editor of QST. I'm as interested as the rest of you as to how well he succeeds. From our acquaintance of years ago, I would say his OWN interests lie more in packet radio, national packet nets and spread spectrum, than in RF items. He was also interested in means to increase the throughput on HF packet links.

Pardon the lengthy posting,
Bob W30TC

* AMRAD = Amateur Radio Research and Development Corp. (club) Vienna, VA

Date: 13 Oct 89 01:54:55 GMT
From: n8emr!gws@tut.cis.ohio-state.edu (Gary Sanders)
Subject: ARRL 72: FREQ GROUP QUITs

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IN AN OCTOBER 9 ANNOUNCEMENT, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MO KAN COUNCIL OF AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS, INC. APPROVED A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE COUNCIL FROM REPEATER FREQUENCY COORDINATION ACTIVITIES.

HONORED IN THE RESOLUTION WAS BARRY ROSEMAN, WA0LHK, WHO SERVED AS MO KAN FREQUENCY COORDINATOR DURING THE CLUBS 15 YEARS OF FREQUENCY COORDINATION SERVICE TO THE GREATER KANSAS CITY AREA.

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Date: 13 Oct 89 01:51:19 GMT
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Subject: CRRL NR 27

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 30, NEW AMATEURS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND WILL BE ISSUED CALLSIGNS WITH THE PREFIX VY2. PRESENT AMATEURS IN PET}rLL HAVE THE OPTION OF RETAINING THEIR VE1 CALLSIGNS OR, Z>~ REQUEST TO A DOC DISTRICT OFFICE, SUBSTITUTING VY2 FOR THE VE1 PREFIX. NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA WILL REMAIN VE1.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR CRRL AMATEUR OF THE YEAR. THIS AWARD CAN BE FOR SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR FOR LONG-STANDING SERVICE TO ANADIAN MATEUR RADIO. SEND NOMINATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO CRRL.

CARF, THE CANADIAN AMATEUR RADIO FEDERATION, AND SCARBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ARE SPONSORING A DOC-AMATEUR RADIO SYMPOSIUM. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE FREQUENCY COORDINATION OF SHARED BANDS, PROGRESS ON RESTRUCTURING, VOLUNTEER EXAMINING, CALLSIGNS AND MORE AR

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Date: 13 Oct 89 00:41:54 GMT
From: attctc!sampson@tut.cis.ohio-state.edu (Steve Sampson)
Subject: Need HW-2036 Manual (Heath 2m)

I recently picked up an old Heath 2 meter for use on packet. No manual though. The darn thing quits transmitting at 145.6 or so and I can't get the lower standard 2 meter freqs. Soldering Iron is hot, I'll fully fund a copy of the complete manual set. Thanks in advance, Steve N5OWK. P.S. Send mail first. I'll contact nearest help (if any).

Date: 12 Oct 89 18:35:14 GMT
From: cadnetix.COM!cadnetix!rusty@uunet.uu.net (Rusty Carruth)
Subject: On-Air BBSer's NET

In article <1350.2529EDB9@binzer.fidonet.org>
Brian.Battles@f880.n141.z1.fidonet.org (Brian Battles) writes:

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> So, I understand that some of the fine foke on Usenet are attempting to
> set up an on-the-air "net" on weekends.

Well, actually I would not call it a net. Maybe a chaotic dis-organization
of interested parties, yes; net, no. (Hey, sounds a lot like usenet, doesn't
it? :-)

>...
> Why not join us every Sunday at 1615 and 2215 UTC on 28.4 MHz, + or -
> a few kHz if there's QRM...

> GET IN ON THE FUN...BE LISTENING FER YA THIS SUNDAY!!
>

Well, if the Saturday un-net were really a net, I'd probably go along
with this. However, its not at all a net, just a place and a time.
Also, that would be 10am and 415pm here, and I'm busy both those times,
so would not be able to join the Fido net anyway.

Since I plan to be on 10m (almost) every Saturday anyway, I'll continue
the 'tradition' (?) of an un-net, as long as nobody minds too much.
(Remember, I'm not trying to take away from the FidoNet Net. Really
I'm not! If I get massive email telling me that continuing the un-net
is a -bad thing- then I will change the comments about it in my .sig
(but I will *still* be on 10m most Saturdays at 1500Z, since thats
the time I've set aside for HF Hamming, so I'll probably make some
kind of comment about Saturdays no matter what.))

And on a slightly different subtopic of the same subject:

I've been talking to someone in California who has asked that we try to
hang around for people like him who find 8am CA time to be too early
to be up. So if a few East Coasters (:-) would not mind hanging around
for the California folks until at least 1600Z, they would probably
appreciate it (at least, Alan would :-). I've also heard from someone
who would most likely not be available until 1700Z. So don't think
that it quits at 1600Z...

(In fact, I expect to be on from 1500 to at least 1800 if the band warrants it. However, if it turns out like last week, I'll go work on my antenna!)

So, I'll be looking for *you* on 10 on Saturday. Remember - only 48 states left for usenet WAS! :-)

While I've got your attention, I'll bring up another question someone asked me. Should we totally ignore the ARRL and set up our own QSL system? It has been suggested that we could send a QSL via email, and if you *really* want some paper for your wall, we could come up with a postscript-able QSL card (send it to your PS printer, and viola! If PS is not good, we could go with some (ntg)roff format based card or such). (I'm going to have to look up the 'rules' the ARRL has for QSL cards so I know what I'm suggesting that we ignore!) Anyway, any thoughts? (Email and I'll try to summarize, but most likely what will happen is you will see your email quoted, including your address - so be aware that emailing me about the QSL idea will likely result in your becoming (in)famous on usenet :-))

'nuff fer now.

---Join the usenet un-net, 28.410 and/or 28.390, 1500Z to 1600Z saturdays!
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Date: 12 Oct 89 21:56:12 GMT
From: littlei!foobar!jim@uunet.uu.net (Jim Garver)
Subject: Thoughts from a prospective ham

In article <1747@gazette.bcm.tmc.edu> andreask@watson.bcm.tmc.edu (Andreas Kasenides) writes:

>I have seriously considered joining the ranks of hams for the last couple
>of months so I joined this newsgroup to find out what really goes around
>in the ham world. Unfortunately I was disappointed and I am reconsidering
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Oh boy, did you pick the wrong source for information about hams! Just buy or even build a receiver and listen for a while. Listen to all bands at all times of the day for at least a month. Then form your own opinion. I sure am glad we hams have more bandwidth than this newsgroup. That would be like having one channel on a CB radio.

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